**DO I NEED TO USE THE NON STANDARD DATA FORM?**

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| **Research methods** | **Need Non Standard Form?** | **Comments** |
| **Analysing content that is hosted on social media platforms (e.g. blog posts, tweets etc.)** | YES | (unless you are **only** collecting data from public figures and/or organisational accounts, which can be considered in the public domain/open access and therefore don’t require ethical approval)  If there is any doubt, then please complete the **‘Non-standard data’ form.** |
| **Using social media to recruit participants or give a link to an online questionnaire etc.** | NO | (use standard ethics application form) |
| **Using online platforms such as Zoom to interview participants** | NO | (use standard ethics application form) |
| **Using online platforms such as Online Surveys or Qualtrics to survey participants** | NO | (use standard ethics application form) |
| **Analysing secondary datasets (e.g. questionnaire or interview data collected by others) hosted in an online archive** | YES | (unless the data set is open access/does not contain any personal identifying information, in which case ethical approval is not required. This exemption includes UKDS Open Access and Safeguarded Access data.)  If there is any doubt, then please complete the **‘Non-standard data’ form.** |
| **Using ‘secondary’ published sources(e.g. doing a literature review of published academic articles, policy documents etc.)** | NO | (no ethics application required) |